

Defeat of Slave Bill 877 and Re-election of Olson, Theme of Record Labor Demonstration in Oakland

Eliminating all doubt as to its confident determination to defeat Slave Bill 877 and re-elect Governor Olson in the forthcoming November elections, the conference of all unions north of Fresno called by the California State Federation of Labor at the Labor Temple in Oakland, last Sunday, not only broke a record for attendance—with over 1000 delegates present—but established a new "high" for its seriousness of purpose. Present also were representatives from the Railroad Brotherhoods and the C.I.O. Governor Culbert L. Olson was the principal speaker.

Note Unity of Labor

For the first time in a number of years labor was singularly united in the completeness of its aim to eradicate the vicious Slave Bill and continue Governor Olson in office as the unanimous choice of labor.

William P. Fee, a past president of the Alameda Central Labor Council, acted as chairman in place of President Haggerty of the State Federation, who was unavoidably absent, and welcomed the delegates and guests. Little time was lost by the chairman in introducing the Governor, who was given an enthusiastic ovation as he took the platform.

Address by Governor

Reading from a prepared speech, the Governor lashed out at labor's enemies, both at home and abroad, and praised labor for its loyalty and understanding of the country's need in these perilous times.

That labor unions were destroyed, their funds confiscated and their leaders thrown into the dreaded concentration camps as the consequences of a triumphant nazism, was brought out with great force by the Governor. Reviewing the smear campaign against labor, the Governor condemned as falsehoods, and deliberate exaggerations to confuse, the many charges of high wages that labor is alleged to be receiving. Quoting figures from five principal and most reliable government departments, the Governor proved that, on the contrary, average wages are not high and that the cost of living has risen out of all proportion to them.

Favors LaFollette Proposal

He cited S. 2435, a bill introduced by Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin and now pending before Congress, which seeks to outlaw all oppressive labor practices, as the kind of legislation which he favored and which typifies progressive legislation. "Passage of this act will preserve labor's gains during the war," the Governor declared.

Labor is Being Challenged

Stating that labor's victory in 1938 is being challenged today, he stressed the need of continuing progressive labor government in the State of California. Contending that labor was the spearhead of this campaign, he confidently predicted that, together with the "dirt" farmers, labor could maintain this progressive government. The delegates showed their appreciation and approval of the Governor's speech by enthusiastic applause after he had finished speaking.

John F. Shelley, state senator, and president of the San Francisco Labor Council, was introduced and addressed the delegates. Paying high tribute to the outstanding work accomplished by the California

State Federation of Labor, he stated that he knew of no other state federation whose record of achievements could compare with that of which the California Federation so rightly boasts. He also drove home emphatically the need of submerging all personal differences, especially in these times, and that all elements in the labor movement should work in the greatest harmony and give the California State Federation of Labor unlimited support.

Registration a Vital Factor

Edward D. Vandeleur, secretary of the State Federation, was next introduced. With sledgehammer blows, Vandeleur told the delegates that it was all right to indorse the Governor and pledge him full support, yet it did not mean a thing unless they actually went to work and saw to it that the members of organized labor are registered voters and prepared to cast votes in the November elections. "A man that carries a card and who is qualified to vote but fails to register is not worth a damn to the labor movement!" Vandeleur declared. He told the delegates that upon their return to their locals it was their duty to see that every member is a registered voter. He recommended that all the locals demand that the members of their union show they are certified to vote before their dues are accepted.

Cautioned Against Rumors

The secretary of the Federation expressed confidence in labor's ability to defeat the Slave Bill, and further cautioned the conference not to be taken in by the widespread rumors that the vicious anti-labor bill was going to be repealed. "Labor did everything it could to reach an agreement with industry and agriculture to eliminate all controversial issues from the ballot because of the war, but certain elements among the employers refused to co-operate and were determined to fight for the Slave Bill. 'The onus of this failure to reach an agreement must now rest on these labor haters,' Vandeleur exclaimed, and warned: 'Don't let any of these rumors put you to sleep so that you will lay down on the job!'"

Federation Takes Lead

Continuing his remarks, Vandeleur explained how months ago the California State Federation of Labor called upon labor to support small business and how that was followed throughout the rest of the country. Next came support for the farmer, and that also was taken up by the American Federation of Labor on a nation-wide scale. He informed the delegates how the Federation, through his own motion, initiated the "Unity for Victory" drive which re-echoed throughout the length and breadth of the country.

Expresses Thanks to Olson

Thanking the Governor for his splendid services to labor and his championing of the fight against the Slave Bill, the secretary of the Federation closed his remarks with again urging every member of the trade unions to get out and become an individual campaigner for labor's program in the coming election. The secretary was given an enthusiastic response from the delegates as he ended his remarks.

The meeting adjourned shortly thereafter. A similar conference is being called for the southern part of the State in the next few weeks.

Planning to "Freeze" Workers to Present Jobs In Critical War Plants

Washington press dispatches Wednesday afternoon announced that the War Manpower Commission had decided to "freeze" workers in critical war industries to their present places of employment, to prevent "labor pirating." It was further stated the policy could become effective as soon as the proper directive can be drafted. The order, it is easily seen, would affect the interests of hundreds of thousands of individuals.

According to a Commission "spokesman," in the future an employee in such a critical industry would be unable to change jobs without approval of the U. S. Employment Service. This spokesman was also reported as saying that one control for enforcement of the plan could be obtained through contracts with war production industries.

The "pirating of labor," through the offer of higher wages to individuals, was said by the Washington "spokesman" to have become acute, especially in the aircraft industry.

Wayne Morris, public member of the War Labor Board, was reported in the press dispatch as having stated in a wage dispute hearing the same day that if government agencies take the position that men should not move from a low-paid job to a high-paid one, "then we ought to see to it that the pay is somewhat equalized."

"It is not fair," Morse said, "for the Government to say to a private citizen: 'We don't think you ought to be allowed to move into another higher-paying job because we need you in the job you are now in,' unless the Government is willing to stabilize wages so that he is not going to suffer financially because of that policy of the Government."

A.F.L. Shown Approaching Million-New-Member Goal

American Federation of Labor membership is still soaring, and has reached a record high total.

Total dues-paid membership aggregated 5,441,592 as of April 30, 1942, Secretary-Treasurer Meany reported to the executive council last week.

This is the highest membership figure ever reached in the entire history of the Federation. It represents a gain of 615,273 new members since January 1 of this year. The gain since August 30, 1941, the end of the Federation's last fiscal year, was 872,536.

"We are confident," Meany told the executive council, "that we will exceed this year the goal of a million new members set at our last convention. Our organization drives are bringing many thousands of new members into American Federation of Labor unions each month."

The figures released by Meany do not include a floating membership estimated at 500,000 which is not on a dues-paying basis.

MORE ON DARKEST AMERICA

An Associated Press dispatch states that merchants of Flagstaff, Arizona, agreed last Tuesday to close their stores for an indefinite period as a protest against attempts by American Federation of Labor organizers to unionize their employees.

Are You a Registered Voter? Primary Election, August 24th

Court Rules Banks Come Under Federal Wage-Hour Law, in Case Affecting Building Service Employees

In the first decision to be rendered by a federal court on the subject, U. S. District Judge A. F. St. Sure held that janitorial employees of banks are engaged in interstate commerce within the meaning of the Fair Labor Standards Act, and that its janitorial employees were entitled to benefits of its overtime work provisions. The opinion was rendered on Wednesday of last week.

Labor Official Files Action

Al Lorenzetti, financial secretary and business representative of Building Service Employees No. 87 of San Francisco, filed the action against a local bank and a building maintenance company, in behalf of janitors employed in the bank. This case was later consolidated with a similar one brought by janitors and involving a second bank and the same building maintenance concern. Attorney Frances McCarty represented the union in the two cases.

Judgment for Workers

Judgments were ordered against the building maintenance company, in both instances, for the unpaid wages, an equal amount as liquidated damages, and attorney fees.

"This marked the first time in the history of the United States that a bank was held to be held engaged in interstate commerce," it was pointed out

in a statement issued by Secretary Lorenzetti relating to the significance of the decision, and which continued: "The court further held that the work of the janitors was necessary to the interstate commerce of the banks in that the banks depend to a considerable degree upon the appearance of their large and imposing establishments to inspire public confidence.

Not a "Service Establishment"

"It was also held that the maintenance company was not a 'service establishment' within the meaning of the Act and therefore not exempt from its provisions. It was also decided for the first time in the United States that the liability is solely one created by statute and is not a penalty, with the result that the actions were not barred by the statute of limitations as contended by the defendants."

This decision now brings thousands of janitorial workers throughout the nation within the Fair Labor Standards Act and marks a great contribution to the workers by the San Francisco building service unions.

Secretary Lorenzetti is justifiably proud of the outcome of the case and stated he viewed the decision as being not only of the utmost importance to the building service employees but to labor as a whole.

S. F. Second Highest in Cost-of-Living Increase

Against a national average gain of 1 per cent from March to April in living costs, San Francisco showed a rise of 2 per cent, second in the country to Baltimore with a gain of 2.5 per cent, the National Industrial Conference Board announced last Monday.

Of the sixty-six of the sixty-seven industrial cities of the nation surveyed by the board, the smallest percentage rise was .2 of 1 per cent, shown by Front Royal, Virginia.

The cost of living was higher this April than in April, 1941, in all of the cities for which comparable figures are available. The largest increase was 17.6 per cent in Joliet, Ill.; the smallest, 9.1 per cent, in Newark, N. J.

In the United States as a whole, the cost of living rose 11.7 per cent from April, 1941, to April, 1942.

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Citrine's Plan on Russia Rejected by A.F.L. Council

According to press dispatches last Saturday, Sir Walter Citrine, secretary of the British Trades Union Congress, stated in Washington that the executive council of the American Federation of Labor had made definite proposals "for a form of collaboration" among American, British and Russian labor groups.

"The A.F.L. doesn't go as far as I'd like," Citrine was further quoted.

Citrine, it was stated, had discussed international collaboration with President Roosevelt but refused to give details of their conversation.

He had presented to the executive council of the A.F.L. a plan for broadening the present British-Soviet trade union committee to include participation by American organized labor. The A.F.L. council rejected his plan and presented a counter-proposal, the dispatches stated.

Citrine told reporters he was in communication with the British Trade Union Congress and expected to have their views the middle of this week.

The British-Soviet trade union committee was formed in September of last year, following a visit of a British delegation to Russia, to further economic co-operation between the two countries in the interest of their joint war effort.

A.F.L. AUTO WORKERS WIN ELECTION

In a four-way balloting among the employees of the Automatic Products Company at Milwaukee the United Automobile Workers of America (A.F.L.) won a National Labor Relations Board election by a decisive majority.

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M., M. & P. in Agreement Lasting Over War Period

Capt. C. F. May, president of West Coast Local No. 90, Masters, Mates and Pilots, has rendered a comprehensive printed report to the membership on the negotiations with the War Shipping Administration, which had for their purpose the protection of the interests of the organization, especially in relation to collective bargaining, in case the Merchant Marine vessels and their personnel should be turned over to the Navy.

Captain May stated that upon his arrival in Washington and after conferences with other seafaring organizations, objections in regard to any move of the Government to regiment civilian personnel on the Merchant Marine ships were voiced. It was learned that such a move was not contemplated at this time, and representatives of the organized seafarers were requested by Admiral Land of the War Shipping Administration to co-operate in arriving at an understanding on manning, wages and working conditions.

Proposal Rejected

The War Shipping Administration, the report continues, submitted to the union representatives a memorandum for discussion, a brief examination of which made evident that the proposal therein contained would mean the termination of collective bargaining agreements for officers and men on all vessels operated by the Shipping Administration.

A subcommittee of the Masters, Mates and Pilots, of which Captain May was one, together with representatives of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association, drew up a brief, protesting the proposed move. So vigorous was this protest and that of President Green of the A.F.L. that Admiral Land made known that the proposed regulations would not be imposed. It was decided, however, by the union representatives that a more definite understanding should be arrived at between the organizations and the War Shipping Administration. After conferences on the subject, Capt. Edward McCauley was designated by Admiral Land to meet with the union representatives for discussion, and as a result an agreement was reached and signed by officials of the Shipping Administration and the unions.

Terms of Agreement

General terms of the agreement appear to be along the same lines as heretofore reported in the LABOR CLARION with reference to the Sailors' agreement, providing for continuance of the collective bargaining pact, wages and working conditions unless otherwise mutually agreed upon; an understanding on procedure in relation to settlement of disputes, and giving of assurance that, without waiving the right to strike, the unions will withhold the exercise of such right for the duration of the war.

Captain May declares in his report that it is the sincere opinion of himself and members of the union committee with whom he served in the negotiations that perhaps the most severe crisis in the affairs of the organization in recent years has been successfully met through the consummation of the agreement above noted; also that it deviates greatly, and to the organization's benefit, from the one in effect in the first world war. In conclusion, Captain May urges the licensed personnel affected by the agreement to fulfill the pledge signed for the organization on a national basis with the War Shipping Administration, declaring also that "we must contribute our part as American citizens to bring our war effort to a successful conclusion."

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The Labor in the War Conference to be held at the University of California (Wheeler auditorium), June 6 and 7, of all unions in the northern part of the State, and at the University of California at Los Angeles for those south of Fresno, will headline labor's war effort.

Union Representation Urged

Those unions which for some reason or another have not received their credential blanks should send in the names of their delegates—for the territory south of Fresno to Townsend Hand, Western Pacific building (Room 755), 1031 South Broadway, Los Angeles, and for the unions in the northern part of the State to Mr. Hand at 785 Market street, Room 569, San Francisco.

Since some of the unions may not have received their credential blanks and the official call to these two major conferences, it is strongly urged that they elect delegates anyway and send their names to the places listed above.

Government Representatives

These conferences of labor leaders and government officials to discuss many of the basic problems arising out of the war will be addressed by outstanding men in government service, headed by the new head of the labor production division of the War Production Board, Wendell Lund, who is making special efforts to personally attend these meetings. It has been definitely learned that Dr. Peter Odegard, consultant to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, will be one of the speakers, and he will talk on War Bonds and Savings Stamps, and taxes. Other government speakers will include Andrew

Biemiller, special labor advisor; John Edelman, expert in the Consumer Division; Paul Porter, Shipbuilding Stabilization Committee; Jonathan Daniels, Office of Civilian Defense, and Colonel A. Robert Ginsburgh, General Staff Corps and representing the Under-Secretary of War.

Edward D. Vandeleur will open the conference for labor, to be followed by Frank Fenton, director of organization of the American Federation of Labor, and other prominent national figures in labor from the various branches of the trade union movement.

Early Response to Call

That the conference will be an outstanding success is assured by preliminary reports from many unions that have responded to the call with great enthusiasm. The secretary of the California State Federation of Labor has urged all of the unions to be sure to participate in these significant meetings, as they will take up matters of the most vital importance to labor.

The government speakers will fly from one conference to the other, so that the delegates at each will have the opportunity to hear them and benefit from the reports they will make.

It is also announced that a week-long series of round-table radio discussions will be presented over California stations by the War Production Board in connection with the conference, beginning June 1. Speakers will include Army representatives and local union representatives. The programs will be heard over KPO from 4:30 to 4:45 p. m. Monday through Friday; 9:30 to 9:55 p. m. on Saturday, and 9:45 to 10 a. m. on Sunday.

Labor Man New Manager Of Golden Gate Bridge

James E. Rickets, the well known business representative of the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council, last week was named general manager of the Golden Gate Bridge and Highway District. He was unanimously elected by the board following his nomination by Director John P. McLaughlin, and has already entered upon his duties which carry great responsibility in connection with the world famous \$35,000,000 span across the entrance to the Bay of San Francisco.

An Early Sponsor of Project

He has been a member of the bridge board of directors since 1938, by appointment of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, only recently resigning that position in anticipation of being named to his new position. He was also one of the early sponsors of the bridge project and assisted in the successful campaign for the bond issue which made construction possible. During the building he represented the Building Trades Council in negotiations with the contractors.

Rickets is a native of Newfoundland, 57 years of age, and came to San Francisco shortly after the great fire, and worked at his trade as a carpenter on some of the largest building projects. Some ten years ago he was elected business representative of the Building Trades Council, and has since held that position, but has now presented his resignation due to his new responsibilities.

Affiliated With Carpenters

Affiliated with the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, Rickets has attended every international convention of that organization for the past twenty years, and at various times has represented the Brotherhood in conventions of the American Federation of Labor. At the last four sessions of the California Legislature he has appeared for the local Building Trades Council on subjects affecting the interests of that group which came before the lawmakers. He has had broad experience in the field of building construction and superintendence, is possessed of a genial personality, and in extending to him their congratulations his friends also look forward to his registering a successful administration as general manager of the bridge.

Teamster Delegates to Portland

Representing the Highway Drivers' Council in San Francisco, delegates are leaving tonight (Friday) by train for the Western Conference of Teamsters to be held in Portland on June 3, 4 and 5. The delegation will consist of Joseph Deviny, Edward McLaughlin, Milton Silva and John Crilley. They will arrive in advance of the opening date of the conference in order to participate in the trade division meetings which precede the convening of the conference proper, which latter is expected to be one of the most important in the history of the organization.

Unemployment Insurance To Trainee for War Work

The California Employment Commission at a recent meeting, acting on an appeal for unemployment insurance made by a department store worker who was enrolled in a war industry training class, granted insurance to the worker during the period she was in the class.

"It is essential to the public security," the Commission decision stated, "that workers be encouraged to prepare themselves for participation in war work. It is our policy to aid the war training program in any manner consistent with the provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act."

R. G. Wagenet, director of the Department of Employment, said further that the Commission will look unfavorably on refusals of work in war industries where the prior experience of a claimant for unemployment insurance is reasonably related to the job offered by the war industry, and that the policy is to encourage all individuals who have related skills or adaptabilities to take jobs in war work, or to train for war jobs.

HERE'S A THOUGHT

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New Labor Peace Move By A.F.L. Executive Council

President William Green of the American Federation of Labor announced last Friday he was sending C.I.O. President Philip Murray a request for renewal of labor unity discussions, which were broken off in 1939. Green said the A.F.L. executive council had authorized the peace offer and had instructed him to advise C.I.O. representatives that the A.F.L. committee stood ready to meet to discuss peace and unity.

Green gave as reasons for making the new peace proposal that, first, unity and solidarity would help win the war; second, that the economic interests of the workers of the nation would be improved; and third, that efforts are being wasted in rivalry and jurisdictional controversy.

Green said his letter to Murray suggested that conferences start as soon as possible.

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Labor Voice Vital

Labor participation is vital in the war effort, the American Federation of Labor strongly emphasizes in its current "Monthly Survey." And it warns that if labor does not insist on representation and is not given a voice in administration and policy-making, democracy may be given a dangerous blow. The Federation's warning is timely, and should have the widest possible circulation. Here is what it says, in part:

"To the extent that war controls are carried out through existing democratic organizations, we will come out of the war with self-government strengthened and not weakened in this country. The participation of labor, operating through the key labor men already leading our movement all the way from the top down to central and local unions in the smallest towns, is absolutely essential.

"But if the opportunity to secure our participation is neglected, if controls are repressive and autocratic and if labor is not represented when regulations and policies are drafted, then war production will suffer and our country will be opening the door to a dictatorship of anti-labor forces, the evil effects of which will remain even after the war has been won."

New Tax Bill "Strategy"

"The battle to make Americans of modest means pay more than their share of the cost of the war continued this week behind the locked doors of the House ways and means committee," says the current issue of *Labor*, published in the national capital, and the article, in part, continues with the following very pointed observations on the moves being made in preparation of the new revenue bill:

As the committee approached the end of prolonged deliberations, the strategy of conservative members became crystal clear.

By going easy with wealthy corporations and individuals, the committee has adopted schedules which fall about \$2,000,000,000 short of raising the amount of new revenue sought by the Treasury Department.

To report legislation in that shape would lay the committee open to censure and arouse an outcry throughout the country. To escape criticism, the committee will be asked and probably will decide to make up the deficiency by levying a sales tax.

On practically every recommendation of the Treasury involving higher levies for the rich the committee has balked, while approving all suggestions for higher taxes on the "little fellow."

As a matter of fact, in the latter respect the committee has gone much farther than the Treasury advocated, the reduction of exemptions from \$750 to \$500 for single persons and from \$1500 to \$1200 for married persons being deeper than the Treasury requested.

These changes, with new schedules tentatively ap-

proved, will just about double the taxes of those in the lower and middle income groups.

The normal rate is increased from 4 to 6 per cent, and surtaxes, payable on the first dollar of taxable income, start at 12 per cent instead of 6 per cent.

After giving examples of how the new rates and exemptions would affect individuals in the various income brackets, *Labor* continued:

"The Treasury presented what it claimed was a well-rounded program to raise \$8,600,000,000. It was knocked into a cocked hat when the committee adopted corporation rates which will raise about \$1,600,000,000 less than the Treasury regarded as fair.

"Then the committee refused to close two loopholes through which the Treasury loses every year about \$500,000,000—a \$300,000,000 exemption enjoyed by owners of state and local tax-exempt securities and a \$200,000,000 evasion exemption permitted oil and mining companies for depletion and development costs. Both evasions were upheld by the committee by decisive majorities."

Japan Paying Through Nose

Japan's tremendous expenditure of men and materials in its Asiatic war is beginning to hit the nation in its breadbasket, recent Japanese shortwave broadcasts have revealed.

Production of raw and manufactured war materials is not enough to support the top-heavy military structure which the Japanese war lords have built.

"Resources, materials, efficient operations and manual labor up to this time have not been sufficient," said President Suzuki of the Cabinet Planning Board. "Our country is extending to a vast area and is carrying out the Greater East Asia War. Hence an increase in the production of war materials is essential."

Japan must have more and more steel, nickel, aluminum, iron and other essential metals if it is to succeed in its aim to dominate the Pacific and the Asiatic world, Suzuki declared.

No matter what it costs, Japan must have these materials to conduct the war it is now waging against the United States and the war it has waged against the heroic Chinese people for six long years. Japanese leaders know that it is now too late to turn back; the military Frankenstein they have created must go forward or be destroyed. Living standards, decent wages, hours of work—everything must go by the boards now if Japan's war leaders are to hang on to their power for a time longer.

A staff of more than 100,000 officials and employees will be needed to enforce price control and rationing regulations, Leon Henderson, price administrator, told a House committee last week.

In every minute of 1941 railroads moved an average of 904,000 tons of revenue freight one mile, according to the *Wall Street Journal*. This was the greatest amount of freight ever handled in any corresponding time by any transportation agency in the world.

No pay was asked by union carpenters who erected four salvage huts in San Diego school yards on their day off as their contribution to the Junior Red Cross salvage program. Metals, tinfoil and paper, salvaged by school children, will be stored in the huts until trucks can pick up these essential materials.

The British Labor party adopted a resolution this week asserting that socialization of the country's basic industries and services and planned production for community consumption were the only lasting foundations for a just and prosperous economic order. The measure, approved at the annual conference, added that measures of government control were needed to mobilize national resources in war and must be retained in peace.

Sign the Senate-Reapportionment Initiative Petition.

"But What About Labor?"

By EDWARD D. VANDELEUR, Secretary,
 California State Federation of Labor

There is no use kidding ourselves. The elections are only a few months away, and with them the grave threat of Slave Bill 877. There are over 600,000 members of organized labor in this State, yet I would venture to say that not more than half of them have taken the pains to become registered voters. Do you know what this means to labor? The answer is only too plain and inescapable: The enactment into law of the dreadful Nazi measure, and a reactionary anti-labor State Administration.

Our enemies are more aware of this possibility than some of our own people. They know that labor can write its own ticket if only its members will go to the little "bother" of becoming registered voters. They fear this in the worst kind of way. And they have a good reason to be so afraid. But what about labor?

Unions Must Make Demand

I believe it is high time to take this whole matter straight by the horns. We cannot afford to leave it up to the individual member to fulfill this obligation to himself as a union man and to the organization to which he belongs. It is time for the unions themselves to demand of their members that they become registered voters. The unions can do this very easily. When the members pay dues they can be asked to show proof of their being registered voters. If we are really serious and want to whip Slave Bill 877, and re-elect Governor Olson, then this is the only possible way to mobilize the full strength of labor in November.

From now on until the election, I believe that the labor press should devote prominent space to this matter in every single issue. The labor press can do signal work in awakening the interest of the membership, and by hammering away at this most important problem it will not only be doing an invaluable service to labor but will add to its own prestige as an indispensable agency of the trade union movement.

Impress the Facts

If the labor press will regularly call to their readers' attention the great urgency of doing their share in this extremely important election, I haven't the slightest doubt but that labor will administer the most stinging defeat to its enemies in November. Members of unions who have not become registered voters must be told that the advantages they are now enjoying are the results of the concerted efforts of organized labor; that the protection their organizations give them will be taken away once Slave Bill 877 is enacted into law; that to be a registered voter is the least they can do for themselves and their unions.

I earnestly hope, therefore, that the labor press, the local unions and every member of organized labor dedicate themselves to this all-important campaign to build up labor's vote so that its might will be felt in November.

AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION PROTEST

Protest against any plan for rationing of gasoline in California or other states where no gasoline shortage exists has been voiced by the board of directors of the California State Automobile Association in a letter to members of the California delegation in Congress. The motorists' organization took the position that gasoline rationing should not be used for disciplinary purposes such as curtailing driving to save rubber, nor should it be made operative as an overall program applying unnecessary restrictive measures where there is no shortage of gasoline. Its use should be confined to those areas, the Association contended, where problems of transportation resulting from wartime conditions make it impossible to deliver enough gasoline to certain areas to meet customary public demands.

"Let's Be Prepared"--Support the Bonds Proposal

"Let's be prepared—Safeguard human lives if bombs should fall!"

This was the slogan adopted this week as a united San Francisco rallied behind the air protection bonds to be voted upon at a special election on Tuesday, June 9.

Under the direction of the Citizens Committee for Air Raid Protection Bonds, headed by Walter A. Haas, former chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, an all-out drive is being carried on to win support for the issues, designed to strengthen the city's water supply and fire defense.

The committee comprises a cross-section of the community life with representatives of business, labor, civic, fraternal, veterans and women's groups.

Labor Representation on Committee

Vice-chairmen include: John F. Shelley, president of the San Francisco Labor Council; Mrs. George Beanston, Jr., president of the San Francisco Parent-Teachers' Association; Eugene T. Broderick, chief air raid warden; A. F. Gaynor, division chairman, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks; Thomas Larke, Jr., chairman, Red Cross Disaster Relief Commission; John L. Spalding, chairman of the law and legislative committee, San Francisco Building Trades Council; Mrs. Nion Tucker, San Francisco chairman, American Women's Voluntary Services, and George Wilson, secretary-treasurer, San Francisco Industrial Council. Daniel J. Murphy is treasurer of the committee.

Two Proposals Only

The bond issues will be the only propositions to be on the ballot at the special election.

Proposition No. 2 is for \$3,000,000 for fire protection, including purchase of additional fire equipment and hose, portable hand pumps and a host of miscellaneous, technical fire-fighting needs to safeguard lives and property.

Chairman Haas emphasizes that money from the bond issues will be only expended as required, and

that none of the funds is to be used for salaries or compensations.

"San Francisco, in the war combat zone, must act immediately to strengthen its defenses against possible enemy air raids and aggression," said Haas. "An emergency faces our city, and on what the voters do at the special election on Tuesday, June 9, hinges the safety of countless lives." Haas continued:

Vital Civilian Defense Measures

"Proposition No. 1 on the ballot will provide for a supplementary water supply in the event of disaster. Proposition No. 2 will furnish an adequate fire defense from any incendiary air raids or sabotage. Both are for civilian defense, and the protection of life and property.

"The greatest care and study have entered into the budgeting of the equipment and construction covered by these bond issues. Months of careful consideration have been given by civilian defense leaders in conjunction with the city's water and fire departments so that San Francisco may have a maximum of protection at a minimum of cost.

Need for Bond Issue

"The emergency expenditures are too large to be taken care of out of ordinary taxes, and would be too great a tax burden for any one year.

"It is vital to every man, woman and child in our city that these bond issues be carried, and we call upon every citizen to help man the home front and make San Francisco safe for all of our people."

The San Francisco Labor Council has given its indorsement to the proposed bond issue, through the adoption of a resolution, on May 15, which was published in last week's issue of the *LABOR CLARION*. In further support of the proposal the Council officials, acting under instructions contained in the resolution, have sent communications to its affiliated unions directing attention to the coming election and urging support of the bond issue.

California Quicksilver Production

California is breaking records in the production of quicksilver, or mercury. The state's 1941 output was the largest since 1904 and had the highest value during the 91 years in which state-wide statistics have been compiled.

California maintains its position as the No. 1 quicksilver state, furnishing more than half of the total mined in the entire nation. Actually the credit belongs almost wholly to northern and central California, because sixteen of the eighteen counties producing the liquid metal are north of the Tehachapi and only two are in the southern section.

Quicksilver, which is obtained from cinnabar rock by roasting the ore and condensing the resultant vapor, has more than a thousand uses. Much of it goes into munitions—into fulminate of mercury caps, without which not a shot could be fired or a bomb detonated.

An outstanding contributor to California's leadership in the output of quicksilver is the historic New Almaden mine in Santa Clara county. It is the oldest in the state, having been discovered in 1824. However, its original owners tried for many years to obtain metallic silver from it and the production of quicksilver did not begin until 1846. For the next 80 years it was operated steadily and extensively, but in 1926 it was closed down. It was reopened in 1940 and now is working new ore bodies and reworking old dumps. In the matter of total yield it ranks first in the United States and fourth in the world, with a record to date of 1,043,500 flasks (79,306,000 pounds). The value of its output approximates \$75,000,000, about \$15,000,000 more than that of the state's richest gold mine.

The present largest producer is the New Idria mine in San Benito county, which also has a long and interesting history. It was discovered in 1852 by a Mexican prospector, who was slain soon afterward. During the next year there was such a wild scramble for it that Bret Harte wrote the details into his "Story of a Mine." Operations began in 1854 and have continued steadily ever since, although the ownership has changed several times.

Open Class for Fire Watchers

The first contingent of many thousands of men who will serve as the watchful eyes of the city in the event of an incendiary bombing raid on San Francisco last Monday night began their course of training as fire watchers in the air raid warden service of the San Francisco Civilian Defense Council.

Classes ranging from thirty to eighty men assembled at school buildings, or at battalion air raid warden headquarters for the first lecture in the course.

It is the duty of fire watchers to take points of vantage on rooftops during an air raid alarm to be on the alert for incendiary bombs dropped which are visible from their station. They will be expected to attack bombs landing within reach, and call for assistance from air raid wardens, fire patrols and others to combat fires started on the roofs of buildings within their sight.

CULINARY GROUP INDORSES OLSON

The California State Council of Culinary Workers, Bartenders and Hotel Service Employees representing 40,000 members in California, has indorsed the candidacy of Governor Culbert L. Olson for reelection. John L. Cooper, secretary of the State Council, stated: "Governor Olson has supported the progressive policies of the Roosevelt administration for the past four years, and is 100 per cent behind the total war effort. As Governor of California, Olson has been the champion of labor and the common people, supporting old-age pensions and other progressive legislation. Our State Council will muster its full strength behind Governor Olson's campaign."

Sign the Senate-Reapportionment Initiative Petition.

Hugo Ernst Here

Hugo Ernst, secretary-treasurer of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance and Bartenders' Industrial League of America, was a San Francisco visitor this week, from his headquarters in Cincinnati. At last week's session of the executive council of the State Federation of Labor in Long Beach, he appeared before that body and spoke regarding litigation with which San Francisco locals are confronted. It is understood that the Federation will make available its legal staff to work with counsel representing the local unions.

Honor Spencer Miller

Over five hundred members of organized labor turned out in New York City recently to do honor, at a testimonial dinner, to Dr. Spencer Miller, Jr., in recognition of his twenty-one years of service as director of the Workers' Education Bureau of America, and his appointment by Governor Edison to the post of commissioner of highways of the State of New Jersey.

Dr. Miller is well known generally for his zeal in the cause of education for the workers, and has developed a wide acquaintance among delegates to the annual conventions of the American Federation of Labor where his address on the subject has been a feature for a number of years.

\$4,000,000 TO WAR BONDS

More than four thousand members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 3 (A.F.L.), met at Manhattan Center, New York City, and without a dissenting vote ratified a plan under which all of the union's twenty thousand members will have 10 per cent of their wages deducted from their pay envelopes for the purchase of \$4,000,000 of War Bonds annually. The plan will go into effect immediately.

10,000 CREDIT UNIONS IN U. S.

The Credit Union National Association announces that more than 10,000 credit unions are now in operation in the United States and its possessions. It is estimated that more than 3,000,000 families are now members of these credit co-operatives.

U.S.O. CLUB OPENS TODAY

The nation's newest U.S.O. Club, and one of its finest, will be formally opened today (Friday) in downtown San Francisco for the men of Uncle Sam's fighting forces for whom it was designed. The dedicatory exercises will be broadcast at 8 p. m. The club will occupy the entire second floor of the Meadowbrook building at 989 Market street, between Fifth and Sixth streets. Its numerous rooms are given over to reading, writing, games, shower baths, clothes pressing, an auditorium for entertainments, and a canteen which will be open for men in uniform from 9 a. m. until midnight. An invitation is extended to the public to the opening exercises. Doors will be open from 1 p. m.

SALE, FOR RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF

A sale of clothing and household articles is planned by the Russian War Relief knitting and shipping center for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 5, 6 and 7, at the salvage shop, 98 Golden Gate avenue. Dresses, coats, shoes, hats, lamps, ash trays, vases, and numerous other articles will be included in the sale. Proceeds will be used for medical supplies for Russia and for materials for the knitting and sewing groups. Mrs. Mildred Rosenthal is chairman of the sale, assisted by Mrs. Robert McWilliams, Mrs. A. S. Musante, Mrs. Elizabeth Dougherty, Mrs. Amy Fleming, Mrs. Helen LaPlant, Mrs. Emma Saylin, and Mrs. S. J. Hurwitt.

Demand the union label, card and button.

International Convention of Building Service Workers

By AL LORENZETTI,
San Francisco Building Service Employees No. 87

The convention of the Building Service Employees' International Union, held in Minneapolis, May 11 to 15, inclusive, was attended by 450 delegates representing locals from 45 states.

Honorary speakers included Governor Stassen of Minnesota, the Mayor of the City of Minneapolis, and Mayor Kelly of Chicago. The Rev. Dr. John P. Boland, chairman of the New York State Labor Relations Board, made the keynote address, in which was emphasized labor's important role in the present war effort. He concluded with the following message, which bears repeating:

Inspiring Declaration

"Ladies and gentlemen, the very liberty upon which we base our hopes for the future is being mocked, and threatened with destruction. We have been challenged by the most powerful enemies that our American philosophy of life has ever encountered. We are waging a war against a civilization that does not permit the existence of unions like yours or assemblages such as this. While we plan solutions for our domestic problems, therefore, we will not forget that our discussions and our resolutions are vain indeed unless we settle that international problem successfully, and forever. With the aid of all men of good will we will win. United in the performance of a common war task and holding high the arms of our beloved Government, we will ride through the night's storm."

Additional Jurisdiction

Resolutions in reference to the by-laws of the Building Service Employees' International Union provided for additional jurisdiction to the Building Service Employees' International Union for gardeners, florists, ground keepers, bellmen, baggage porters, lobby men, lobby porters, lobby cleaners, public toilet cleaners, footmen, doormen, washroom attendants, yardmen, garbage men, wall cleaning (not preparatory to painting), incinerator men, package-room employees, package-room messengers, garden men, sidewalk men, pages, and Turkish bath attendants and any other employees not therein specified who are engaged in the maintenance and upkeep of such places."

The convention elected three additional vice-presidents of the international union. Among the first to be named was Charles Hardy, president of the powerful building service groups of San Francisco, who was unanimously re-elected and was given the greatest ovation of the convention for his militant stand against the racketeers and hoodlums who tried to encroach upon and steal the funds of our international union.

A new amendment to Article VI of the inter-

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national constitution was adopted which provides: "All elected international officers must be American citizens, or citizens of the country of the local union in which the person is a member. No person who has been convicted of a felony shall be eligible to office."

Amendment to Constitution

In order to prevent our international from falling into the hands of thugs, hoodlums, and racketeers, the following amendment to the constitution was adopted: "In case of death, removal or resignation of the general president, it shall be the duty of the general secretary-treasurer to call a special convention not more than 75 days after such event for the purpose of electing a new general president, who then shall serve the balance of the unexpired term. In case of absence, death, removal or resignation of any other elected officer, the vacancy shall be filled by the general executive board. The vice-presidents shall have charge of organization work in their respective territories, subject to the direction and supervision of the general president."

The convention also adopted a by-law which requires all officers handling any money to be bonded by a licensed surety company.

Joint Council for Bay Area

One of the most constructive by-laws passed at the convention calls for the formation of a joint council of all building service employees' unions in the San Francisco Bay area.

A death benefit of \$100 was decided upon, such amount to be paid beneficiaries of deceased members of local unions, and without any additional raise in the per capita tax.

Support A.F.L. Rulings

The general president was voted full power to withdraw the Building Service Employees' International Union from the American Federation of Labor unless certain international unions comply with the ruling of the A.F.L. in regard to the stealing of jurisdiction to which others are entitled. Several international unions, taking advantage of a situation, have stolen entire local unions and have refused to return them to their proper international union, in spite of a ruling made by President William Green of the American Federation of Labor.

In order that all resolutions, amendments and by-laws adopted at the convention be carried out to the fullest extent, General President William L.

Reply of President Green Regarding Local War Rally

As speakers at a public rally by the forces of labor in behalf of the war effort, and to be sponsored by Labor's Unity for Victory Committee, that committee contemplated inviting William Green and Philip Murray, presidents, respectively, of the A.F.L. and C.I.O. President Green was communicated with on the subject, and under date of May 21 replied to President John F. Shelley of the San Francisco Labor Council as follows:

"I received your letter dated May 13th in which you advise me of plans which have been perfected for the holding of a giant public rally at San Francisco on Sunday, June 21st. You are right in your assertion that San Francisco seems to be a very proper and most appropriate place for the holding of such an impressive rally. Because of the location of San Francisco and its importance as a great Pacific Coast city, a meeting of the kind which you plan to hold will create a most profound impression.

"I thank you sincerely for the invitation you extend me to attend and participate in this great public rally. I would enjoy attendance at said meeting and my participation in it. However, it seems impossible for me to arrange to make a trip so far from Washington during these trying days. The demands which are being made here upon my work and service are so great as to make it impossible for me to respond to invitations to attend meetings at cities close to Washington. I can not begin to tell you how heavy these demands are that are made upon my time and service during these trying days of the war. I can only respond to your invitation by advising you that I will keep it in mind and if I find it at all possible to arrange to make the trip to San Francisco and participate in your meeting, I will do so. I will endeavor to advise you definitely far enough in advance of your meeting so as to make it possible for you to arrange your plans accordingly.

"I express the hope that you may hold a large and most successful meeting."

McFetridge extended an invitation to those unions which do not act upon or show any acceptance of these resolutions and by-laws to get out of the international, as there is no place in the Building Service Employees' International Union for people who do not intend to comply with its by-laws.

The entire delegation representing California unions in the convention was entertained by the general president in Chicago for five days, at which time a progressive and constructive policy was formulated.

All-Out Support to War Effort

The convention was one of the most constructive and progressive ever held by the Building Service Employees' International Union. Programs were adopted providing for outright purchase of War Bonds by all members, for co-operation in the nationwide salvage drive, and calling upon the American Federation of Labor to initiate a world-wide conference of labor unions of the United Nations, to be held in America as soon as possible. Many other resolutions vital to the war effort were passed, and all giving full co-operation to the President of the United States.

"Good thoughts, like rose leaves, give out a sweet smell if laid up in the jar of memory."—Spurgeon.



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Executive Council of the State Federation of Labor Condemns, Repudiates "Vicious Anti-Union Contract"

The LABOR CLARION has received the following communication, under date of May 26, signed by Edward D. Vandeleur, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor. The communication is self-explanatory and, in full, reads:

"The executive council of the California State Federation of Labor, at its last regular meeting on May 16-17 at Long Beach, decided to repudiate the contract signed by a representative of the Teamsters' Union (who has since retired from the labor movement) and the Val Vita Food Products Company in Fullerton, the largest of its kind on the entire Pacific Coast.

"Because of the gravity of this decision and the significance of the events leading up to it, I consider it my duty to acquaint all of our affiliates with its true and full meaning. In fact, nothing less than the integrity of the American Federation of Labor is involved, which makes necessary the full exposure of this whole case.

"Mr. I. B. Padway, attorney for the National Council of Cannery Workers, appeared before the executive council, requesting that body to place this company and its products, known as 'Val Vita,' on our 'We Don't Patronize' list. After a full discussion, the Council concurred in his request, and the following facts were revealed:

"The contract which was signed with the company could have been written only by a company attorney. Under it, there were not and could not be wage increases for the employees, a shortening of their hours of employment, or the possibility of improving their working conditions. The employer had complete authority to hire and fire. Under its provisions the closed shop feature was favorable only to the representative of the union, and it made it easy for him to collect dues. With complete shamelessness, the union was committed to the disgraceful stipulation of not asking for a wage increase until 50 per cent of the entire canning industry in southern California was organized.

"These are only a few of the compromising and typically company union clauses contained in this contract. Any close examination of it would turn the cheeks of every real union man red with shame. Had the California State Federation of Labor refrained from expressing itself in this clear and unmistakable condemnation of this vicious anti-union contract, it would have been derelict in its duties and would have made vulnerable the whole organized labor movement to the most scathing denunciation.

"We hope that this exposure of dishonest unionism will serve as a threat to anyone else who may nurture the idea of profiting at the expense of labor."

Keen Convention Interest By S. F. Jewelry Workers

San Francisco members of the International Jewelry Workers' Union are looking forward with keen interest to the international convention of the organization, in which their delegates are expected to have a prominent role due to the results achieved and experience gained by the organizations here.

The gathering will convene in New York City on June 15, and preliminary reports indicate a record attendance. The San Francisco delegation will depart on June 8, and those thus far named as representatives, in addition to Vice-Presidents George F. Allen and Joseph Kahn, are: Henry Free and Olaf Johnson of No. 36 (jewelers), Leonard G. Allen of No. 94 (diamond setters), Albert Sigwart of No. 101 and Arthur Nemes of No. 102 (watchmakers).

In addition to the routine business of the convention and formulating the future general policy of the international organization on subjects directly pertaining to the industry and other matters, the delegates will be called upon to name a successor to the late Samuel E. Beardsley, general secretary-treasurer of the international union. In connection with the filling of that position it is understood that the name of George F. Allen of San Francisco has been mentioned. Allen is at present a vice-president of the international union and is well known as the very energetic business agent of the San Francisco locals. However, he declined to make any statement in relation to the mention of his name, in the East, in connection with the international secretaryship.

TO BUILD STEEL PLANT

The Columbia Steel Company has announced it will build a \$6,000,000 foundry at once on property adjoining its Pittsburg plant in the upper bay. It will take about nine months from ground-breaking, June 1, to finish the plant, engineers estimated.

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Musical Treat Next Week On Labor Radio Program

"This, Our America," official radio program of the California State Federation of Labor, will offer a rare musical treat next Monday night, June 1.

The broadcast will feature Peter Merembloom and his Junior Symphony Orchestra. This group, remarkable for its youthful talent, played a broadcast for labor several weeks ago, and the return engagement is by popular demand. Instrumental soloists with the symphony will be Andre Previn, pianist, and Virginia Ellis, violinist.

Charles Previn, musical director for Universal Studios, and former conductor for the late George Gershwin, will appear as guest conductor for a single selection, the famous "Rhapsody in Blue." This is the number in which young Charles Previn will be featured. Charles is a nephew of the conductor.

The program will be broadcast over KPO and stations of the Mutual-Don Lee California Network at 8 p. m. KROY, Sacramento, will present a delayed broadcast Wednesday evening.

"Mad wars destroy in one year the works of many years of peace."—Benjamin Franklin.

Senator Shelley Announces Candidacy for Re-election

State Senator John F. Shelley this week announced his candidacy for re-election to represent San Francisco in the upper house of the Legislature. His first term in that position ends this year.

In making his announcement Shelley referred to his accomplishments during his four years in the office, mentioning in particular his sponsorship of the "small loans bill," for the protection of borrowers from loan sharks; his unceasing fight for local control of San Francisco's harbor; his piloting through the Legislature the measure establishing the new San Francisco State College; his introduction of the measure which gave San Francisco two additional superior courts. Looking forward to a second term, his statement of candidacy declared:

"Our elected representatives must collaborate to the utmost with the federal government to the end that our lives and homes will be protected adequately and our war resources utilized effectively.

"In addition, we must prepare even now to meet the tremendous problems of social and economic readjustment that will come with the inevitable and victorious peace."

Shelley is president of the San Francisco Labor Council and a member of the delegation representing the Bakery Wagon Drivers' Union in that body. He is a graduate of the Mission High School and the University of San Francisco, and in the realm of sports in his school days attained a reputation on the football field. In late years his acquaintanceship has widened from day to day through his energetic work in the field of labor and in his senatorial position.

Following announcement of his candidacy representatives of various labor organizations held a meeting in the headquarters of the Building Service Employees, on Golden Gate avenue, Wednesday evening to inaugurate plans for furthering the campaign for his re-election.

SHIPYARD MEN DONATE BLOOD

Shipyard workers have been going in delegations of two and three to give blood to the Irwin Blood Bank, 2180 Washington street, during their spare time. The war production workers have been impressed by the Irwin Blood Bank's provision of an ample supply of fresh whole blood for transfusions in case of industrial accident, as well as its accumulation of a plasma store against war or other emergency, say Blood Bank doctors.



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Run o' the Hook

By A. G. NEILSON,
Vice-President of Typographical Union No. 21

President Fred Holderby and his wife are this week enjoying a vacation. Plans were to visit friends through the San Joaquin Valley and other parts of central and northern California.

Following are unofficial results of the International Typographical Union election, from 686 unions, for the principal offices: Baker 28,251, Gill 25,970; Desper 28,283, Neudorffer 23,918; Holland 28,820, Hurd 23,272; Randolph 26,887, Conley 26,725.

Word has been received that Maurice R. Lansberry, one of this union's boys in the army, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant in an engineering corps and is ready for active duty.

Among the members of the *Call-Bulletin* chapel who are vacationing at this time are Frank McCoy, who, with his wife, is visiting with relatives in southern California, and George King and wife, who are visiting near Bishop, where George intends to do some fishing; and their trip will also include Las Vegas, Nev. William Salomon and A. Wildgust of the same chapel have returned to work after enjoying vacations of two weeks each.

We're pleased to hear that Park W. Pattison, a *Shopping News* chapel member, now a Home resident, was elected to serve on the Home's election board, having run second in the three-man-board race, with 98 votes in Pattison's favor. It is also reported that "Sergeant" Nesbit is getting along well and is beginning to show signs of improvement.

Members of No. 21 will join in expressing sincere sympathy to L. L. Heagney, well known member of the *Daily News* chapel, whose mother, Mrs. Margaret J. Heagney, passed away at Mary's Help hospital on Tuesday night, at the age of 78 years. The deceased was born in Missouri, but as a baby was brought to California by her parents, who at the immediate time settled near Milpitas, and her residence in the State has been continuous. In earlier years, Mrs. Heagney had been active and attained prominence in the work of the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Rebeccas. Surviving are five sons and one daughter. Funeral services were held Thursday at the James H. Reilly & Co. parlors, and interment was in Woodlawn cemetery.

Woman's Auxiliary, No. 21—By Laura D. Moore

On June 9 at 7 p. m. will be held the special meeting of the auxiliary for election of delegate to the international convention, and for voting on international officers. The executive board, also, will meet on June 9, at 6 p. m. The hall where these meetings will be held will be announced in next week's auxiliary column. Please attend.

At the June 9 special meeting, the name of the member who, during the fiscal year, has brought in the greatest amount of non-label literature will be announced. The \$5 prize offered by President Louise A. Abbott, at the beginning of the year, to such winner, will be presented on Charter Night.

At the meeting of the label committee with Mrs. Grace Young last Tuesday evening, the auxiliary officers were guests of the committee. Following the meeting, the party, including the husbands, were served a very pretty and appetizing lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Conley are away on vacation. We will learn their itinerary upon their return.

A card was sent by the auxiliary to Mrs. J. B. Wiles, who has been reported ill at Burbank, Calif. No particulars have been obtainable to date.

Mrs. Dave Anley and Miss Marie Anley will leave on Saturday for a week of vacation at La Honda.

Richard Viele and Emma Bogdanoff planned to surprise family and friends by slipping quietly away to Reno, where they were married on Saturday, May 23, in the study of the minister of the Federated Church. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Viele, however, did some checking, then reversed the surprise by greeting the return of the young couple with a houseful

of relatives and intimate friends, gathered in their honor. The guests not having been let in on the secret, were genuinely surprised when the party proved to be an infare. Forty guests enjoyed the buffet luncheon, which was complete to the last detail—the wedding cake with tiny bride and groom. The newlyweds are looking for an apartment, where they will be at home to their friends. This column extends best wishes to the happy pair, in behalf of their auxiliary friends.

"Call-Bulletins"—By Hoot

This chapel is providing aid for the armed forces. We have members in the army and navy, and still more in defense work. Others are receiving notice to appear before draft boards. Also, we are recruiting "fighting units" in the chapel. Some of the recruits are already in training and are taking the job rather seriously. There are twenty-six stars on the office flag so far.

"Bunny" Forst, our golf representative, feeling rather chipper, took on two members of the photo-engraving department for a jitney a hole. "Bunny" was off his game and lost to his opponents. However, "Bunny" won the contest for throwing his club the farthest—clear over the clubhouse, we're told.

On account of Vic Myers joining the Navy, Guy Todd is now chairman.

Now that the election is over, the walls in the washroom are bare of reams of scurrilous literature. Too bad that it has to happen every time an election is held.

Vacation season has started, several of the boys having taken theirs already. Last year we went the shortest distance and spent the most money we ever did on a vacation. And did not enjoy ourselves, either.

Golf News—By Fred N. Leach

If you haven't heard the news before this, we can't keep it a secret any longer—the May tournament of the Union Printers' Golf Association will be held this Sunday, May 31, at Crystal Springs Golf Club. Tee time will be 10:30 sharp; greens fees are priced at \$1, and the entry fee is the usual 50 cents. Of course, guests will be welcomed in the guest flight, and a hole-in-one contest, too, will be one of the features. Play will be 18 holes medal at handicap, plus the second round of the Association match play. A fine 19th hole will provide the inner man's needs at reasonable prices. So what are you waiting for? Let's go!

The officers and board of directors, at the regular monthly meeting on Monday night, made necessary changes in the schedule of coming tournaments. The June tournament, which had been scheduled for Sonoma, has now been changed to the El Camino course at Millbrae. In other words, because of the tire situation, it's short trips only for the duration. A new handicap committee was also selected by the board. Former Chairman Nicholson, who, because of work, cannot act on the committee was replaced by Charles Forst, who, with his brother Frank as the other member of the committee, will take care of all your handicap "beefs" from now on.

OFF THE FAIRWAY—Who was the spy out at Crystal Springs last Saturday, and why was he watching that 18th hole so intently? Someone said it was one of the boys who has a match scheduled for next Sunday and who was afraid his opponent was practicing up for him. Someone also said it was "Bunny" Forst watching for your correspondent—and, by Jove, it was! . . . Al Cantor is all smiles. Why? "Well, doggone it, a man isn't father to a new daughter every day," he says. His new baby girl, weighing 6½ pounds, arrived at St. Francis hospital on Monday, May 18, and both mother and daughter are doing well. Baby's named Caryn Jo, and she makes the Association members' 1942 score to date 2 to 1—two girls and one boy. . . . There must be something to golf after all. Cy Stright is back at work after a stretch in the hospital—and he's fat as anything. Ask him, some time, to tell you how he got rid of the barium. It's some dissertation. . . . Understand Jess Conaway has greatly improved at the Home, and will be with us again soon. He says

Authorize Employers to Use "Termination Notice"

Preparations are under way for inauguration by the California Department of Employment on June 1 of a new procedure, which involves the use of a "termination notice" by the employer, to be used when disqualifications should, in the opinion of the employer, be imposed.

A copy of Regulation No. 5, which authorizes use of the notice, and a supply of forms are being mailed to 60,000 California employers.

Under plans for use of the notice, the employer will advise the Department immediately on termination of the worker's service, as to whether disqualifications should be assessed in connection with an insurance claim.

With this system in use, Director R. G. Wagenet explains, the Department will have definite and immediate knowledge of the cause of termination, and knowledge as to whether the worker is available for and able to work. Disqualifications, if justified, may be assessed immediately on the filing of a claim. Workers will not lose their right to appeal any decision of the Department made on the basis of the termination notice.

War Lecture Program for Women

A wartime educational program for women, to be held for four consecutive weeks, beginning next Monday, June 1, in fifteen San Francisco neighborhood theatres, is announced by Mrs. Nion Tucker, chairman of the local unit of the American Women's Voluntary Services.

A score of prominent local speakers have volunteered to give free lectures on subjects pertaining to the war, which will include "The Art of Living in Wartime," "Diet and Nutrition," "Women in the Harvest," "Civil Protection and Home Blackout," "Conservation in the Home," "Salvage for Victory," and other vital problems.

Some of the speakers will be Frank Clarvoe, Rev. Henry Ohloff, Rod Hendrickson, Miss Hulda McGinn, Miss Jean Fay, a Junior Chamber of Commerce committee headed by J. M. Toedt, and speakers from the P. G. and E. Co., and other organizations.

Programs will be held at 10 a. m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, with four programs held simultaneously on those days for four weeks, climaxing with a mass meeting at 10 a. m. at the Midtown Theatre on Friday, June 26, to which all women are invited.

Arrangements are being made to take care of small children free of charge, for all mothers who otherwise would not be able to attend.

The following is a list of theatres in which programs will be given: Mondays—Alhambra, Noe, Amazon, Uptown. Tuesdays—Verdi, Midtown, Granada, El Rey. Wednesdays—Marina, Parkside, Haight, Castro. Thursdays—Roosevelt, Irving, Coliseum.

Additional information may be obtained from Mrs. William Brown Porcher of the speakers' bureau by telephoning Exbrook 3411, or at AWVS headquarters, 665 Market street.

he can't find any contract players there—which is too, too bad!

Would you be interested in knowing where the May 31 tournament will be held? This is your last chance to find out. It will be at Crystal Springs. The whole bunch will be there—and of course that includes you. See you on the first tee at 10:30.

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Mailer Notes

By LEROY C. SMITH

Following is result, in San Francisco Mailers' Union No. 18, on the voting for I.T.U. officers and convention delegate held Wednesday of last week: President—Baker 35, Gill 51; first vice-president, Desper 29, Neudoerffer 50; second vice-president, Holland 25, Hurd 54; secretary-treasurer, Randolph 56, Conley 26. Balance of tickets in same ratio. Proposition No. 1—For 79; against 5. Proposition No. 2—For 62; against 15. LeRoy F. Bennetts, president of No. 18, was elected its delegate to the Colorado Springs convention; alternate delegate, Al Barbrack.

Following is unofficially announced vote of candidates for I.T.U. offices, amendments to I.T.U. laws and mailer withdrawal vote at hand (May 25): M.T.D.U. unions—Mailer withdrawal from I.T.U.: For, 1876; against, 1659. New York Mailers' Union: Baker 257, Gill 163; Desper 216, Neudoerffer 162; Holland 246, Hurd 124; Randolph 125, Conley 274. (More than 2 to 1 larger vote than given Progressive candidates for I.T.U. offices two years ago.) Same union, vote for M.T.D.U. officers: Martin 226, Glicker 213, Weaver 214. Boston Mailers' Union: Baker 77, Gill 109; Desper 66, Neudoerffer 95; Holland 63, Hurd 89; Randolph 121, Conley 60. Los Angeles Mailers' Union: Baker 71, Gill 10; Desper 70, Neudoerffer 8; Holland 62, Hurd 11; Randolph 6, Conley 70.

George Huffman was elected president of Los Angeles Union. (About 82 votes cast, only 64 cast for M.T.D.U. officers.)

From Otto G. Lepp of Milwaukee Mailers' Union, under date of May 23: 208 unions give Baker 4496, Gill 6829; Desper 4894, Neudoerffer 6396; Holland 5071, Hurd 5824; Randolph 6776, Conley 4821; Proposition No. 1 carrying by 5 to 1; Proposition No. 2 carrying by 8 to 1.

New York *Daily News* (printers) chapel: Baker 86, Gill 318; Desper 116, Neudoerffer 270; Holland 134, Hurd 244; Randolph 195, Conley 197.

New York Typos: Baker 2257, Gill 3753; Desper 2239, Neudoerffer 3526; Holland 3414, Hurd 2988; Randolph 3493, Conley 2430. All Progressive delegates defeated. Independent delegates elected are: Lotsky; Mendel; Hughes, William H.; Fahey, John J.; Anderson, William J. S.

Milwaukee Mailers' Union: Baker 5, Gill 51; Desper 5, Neudoerffer 51; Holland 5, Hurd 50; Randolph 55, Conley 1.

Reports of vote of mailer unions to date show a falling off in the vote given Baker two years ago. The M.T.D.U. bloc vote, however, may be expected to roll up their usual vote for Independent party candidates.

Thomas P. Martin, the incumbent president of the M.T.D.U., also third vice-president of the I.T.U., who receives \$50 per month as president of the M.T.D.U. and \$25 per month as third vice-president of the I.T.U., is listed in the May *Typographical Journal* as having expenses to and in Indianapolis, Chicago, Rochester, Scranton, Philadelphia and St. Louis (on eve of election), with no report so far of results (except conferring with St. Louis mailers on new contract)—railroad fare \$119.75, services \$280, hotel and other expenses \$217.48, making a total of \$617.23, which is only exceeded by I.T.U. Representatives Norman Boddington, John J. Buckley, Bertram H. Day and Edward L. Thayer. Would seem the time is opportune for more printer members to concern themselves relative to the continuance of the mailer injunction.

President LeRoy F. Bennetts of No. 18, a volunteer as member of the Civilian Defense auxiliary police

force, this week was given the title of Corporal and a try-out at Sixth and Market streets, one of the busiest intersections in the city, in which he came out with "flying colors," and was given praise by regular police officers.

Fred Steele is studying marine electricity in one of the defense industry schools.

M. ("Red") Rambo, of the *People's World* chapel, is on his two-weeks' paid vacation.

Walter Yendrzewsky, of Chicago Mailers' Union, a draftee stationed at Fort McDowell, was a last week's chapel visitor.

From a reliable source it is learned the result of the vote of M.T.D.U. unions on mailer withdrawal from the I.T.U., carrying only by slender majority of 217, was "held in abeyance" by M.T.D.U. officers, until after the "battle of the ballots" on May 20, total vote on the issue being 3535.

Resolution

HOSPITAL WORKERS' WAGE INCREASE

The following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the San Francisco Labor Council, held last Friday evening, as referred to in the minutes of the Council appearing on Page 10 of this issue:

Whereas, The Hospital and Institutional Workers' Local Union No. 250, an affiliate of this Council, has spent a great deal of time and effort in seeking a just and deserving wage increase for its members employed in the city institutions, through the medium of salary standardization; and

Whereas, The Board of Supervisors, by a vote of 9 to 2, have on three distinct occasions favored the increase sought by the union; and

Whereas, This program, as favored by the Board of Supervisors, is up for final adoption Monday, May 25, which is approximately the deadline in reflecting any wage increase in the coming fiscal budget; and

Whereas, It is required, by decision of City Attorney O'Toole, that the Civil Service Commission report to the Board of Supervisors a scale of compensation before final adoption of the ordinance; and

Whereas, The Civil Service Commission did on April 16, 1942, report a scale of wages satisfactory to the Board of Supervisors and to the Union, but we are now informed the secretary of the Civil Service Commission proposes to scale down; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Labor Council, in meeting assembled this 22nd day of May, 1942, call upon the Civil Service Commission—the Honorables Harry K. Wolff, Milton Maxwell and John Bender—requesting that they, the members of the Civil Service Commission, resubmit to the Board of Supervisors the same report as that which they submitted on April 16, 1942, to the end that the consensus of opinion on the Board of Supervisors and the request of the union be legally adopted, and in time for inclusion in the 1942-43 budget, and not later than May 26, 1942; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to His Honor the Mayor, Angelo J. Rossi, and to the members of the Board of Supervisors.

Sign the Senate-Reapportionment Initiative Petition.

Federation of Teachers No. 61

By GRACE YOUNG, Secretary.

At the regular meeting of Local 61, the following were placed in nomination for office, including those made by the nominating committee and nominations from the floor: For president, Eustace V. Cleary, incumbent, and John M. Horowitz, teacher in San Francisco Junior College; vice-president, Daniel J. O'Brien, incumbent; secretary, Howard Edminster, teacher in Abraham Lincoln High School; financial secretary, Sophia Peterson, incumbent; treasurer, Martin D. Coats, incumbent; delegates to the San Francisco Labor Council, Glen D. Camp, teacher in San Francisco Junior College, and Edward W. Gallagher, teacher in Lowell High School; delegates to the Federation of Municipal Employees, George M. Klinger and George C. Jones, incumbents; delegate to California State Federation of Teachers, L. S. Gerlough, teacher at Lowell High School; trustees (three to be elected), Eustace V. Cleary, L. S. Gerlough, George M. Klingner, Rebecca R. Melner, teacher in Sherman Elementary School; and Abraham Schwartz, teacher in Lowell High School.

The election will take place at the regular meeting on June 8. Because it will be impossible to meet in the usual hall, this meeting will be held in the home of Miss R. L. Melner, 1100 Fulton street (Apt. 12).

The membership committee brought in another application for membership, which will receive a final vote at the June 8 meeting.

Memorial Rites for Thomas Flaherty

On June 3, 1933, Thomas Francis Flaherty, beloved leader in the National Federation of Post Office Clerks, passed to the Great Beyond. Since then it has been the custom of members of Local 3 of the Federation in San Francisco, to pay tribute, at an annual memorial service, to his labor in behalf of his fellow workers.

Announcement is made that the service this year will be held on Sunday, June 7, at Holy Cross Mausoleum, at 11:15 a. m., to which all friends of the late official of the Postal Clerks, both in the ranks of the organization and among the public, are invited.

Martin H. Band is chairman of the committee, comprising thirty-seven members, in charge of the memorial service. Those who desire to attend are asked to get in touch with the committee, which will provide automobile conveyances leaving at 10:30 o'clock from the post office at Seventh and Mission streets.

FOR STRAPHANGERS ONLY

It is reported from Switzerland that because of lack of cars and fuel many German cities are now running street cars for straphangers only. All passengers must stand, except invalids and the very old, for whom a few seats are provided.

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The Labor Council meets every Friday at 8 p. m., at the Labor Temple. The Executive and Arbitration Committee meets every Monday, at 8 p. m. The Organizing Committee meets every Friday, at 7 p. m. The Union Label Section meets the first Wednesday of every month, at 7:30 p. m.

Synopsis of Meeting Held Friday Evening, May 22, 1942.

Meeting called to order at 8 p. m. by President Shelley.

Roll Call of Officers—All present.

Reading of Minutes—Minutes of previous meeting approved as printed in the LABOR CLARION.

Credentials—Referred to the organizing committee.

Report of the Organizing Committee—(Meeting held Friday, May 22, 1942.) Called to order at 7 p. m. by Joseph Piccini, acting secretary. The following delegates were examined and found to have the necessary labels and to be citizens of the United States, and your committee recommends that they be seated: San Francisco Printing Pressmen and Assistants No. 24, J. H. de la Rosa. Street Carmen, Division 1004, Thomas W. Gowanlock and Harry Jones. Watchmakers No. 101, Rudy Costner. Candy and Glace Fruit Workers No. 158, Helen Keith. Delegates obligated and seated.

Communications—Filed: D. V. Nicholson, campaign director San Francisco Chapter, American Red Cross, acknowledging receipt of our check covering contributions from member unions. Edwin James Cooley, regional supervisor, Division of Social Protection, inclosing Pamphlet No. 65. Retail Shoe and Textile Salesmen No. 410, asking that the name of their delegate to the Council, Francis F. Fitzsimons, be withdrawn from the executive committee since his present duties prevent his attending meetings. Labor's Unity for Victory Committee (Charles Raudebaugh), acknowledging receipt of our check covering contributions received. Card of thanks from the family of the late Gerald J. Brooks. Civil Service Building Maintenance Employees No. 66-A, asking that the Council notify their union if any of their delegates miss three consecutive meetings of the San Francisco Labor Council. From Supervisors Gerald J. O'Gara and Chester R. MacPhee, acknowledging receipt of our letter, and favoring the retention of \$25,000 in the budget for the continuation of the San Francisco opera season. Congressman Tom Rolph, acknowledging receipt of our resolution relative to support of H. R. 6486 for the benefit of postal employees. W. H. Shea, recording secretary Local 214, National Association of Letter Carriers, thanking the Council for its efforts in behalf of H. R. 6486.

Donations: The following contributions were received for the Navy Relief Society: Automobile Machinists No. 1305, \$50; Bill Posters and Billers No. 44, \$5. The following was received for the Red Cross: Furniture Workers No. 1541, \$252. The following was

received for the Radio Program: Civil Service Building Maintenance Employees No. 66-A, \$25; Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees, Division 1225, \$25. The following was received for defeat of Slave Bill 877: Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees No. 1225, \$75.

Bills were read and ordered paid, after being approved by the trustees.

Referred to the Executive Committee: Local Joint Executive Board of Culinary Workers and Bartenders, requesting strike sanction against Club Moderne, 555 Sutter; Richhill Creamery, 1465 Haight; Stockton's Fountain Lunch, 500 Van Ness; Geltis' Lunch, 42 Clay and 87 Sixth street. Practical Nurses and Matrons' Association No. 267, requesting strike sanction against Mrs. Gus Soher, 146 Central avenue, operator of the American Ambulance Nurses' Registry. Printing Specialties and Paper Converters No. 362, asking strike sanction against the Advance Pattern Company, 552 Mission street. Warehousemen No. 860, also seeking strike sanction against the Advance Pattern Company. Fresno Packing House Employees No. 19653, requesting that we notify our affiliated unions that the "Del Monte" brand is unfair to organized labor.

Requests Complied With: From Edward D. Vandeleur, secretary, California State Federation of Labor, inclosing an invitation from the University of California, and credential certificates to send six delegates to the "Labor in the War" conference, which will be held on the campus at Berkeley, Saturday and Sunday, June 6 and 7, under the auspices of the labor division of the War Production Board, the consumer division of the Office of Price Administration, the War Department, the California State Federation of Labor, the California State Council of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, the Railroad Brotherhoods, and the University of California. (Thomas Hand, special representative of the United States Government, spoke on the communication read by Secretary O'Connell regarding the program of the University of California to be held at Berkeley, June 6 and 7, starting at 1 o'clock June 6. He asked the indorsement and support of the Council on this program. Motion that we indorse and send delegates to the institute to be held on June 6 and 7 at the University of California; carried.) From Thomas Larke Jr., chairman disaster relief commission, San Francisco Chapter, American Red Cross, asking our assistance and to have a delegation appear at the proper time before the full Board of Supervisors to the end that facilities which will clear casualties and others of gas before entering the various casualty stations, the expenditure of \$100,500 will be necessary; moved that the request be complied with; carried.

Resolution: From Hospital and Institutional Workers No. 250, asking the Council to call upon the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors and the Civil Service Commission to resubmit to the Board of Supervisors the same report as that which they submitted on April 16, 1942, to the end that the consensus of opinion on the Board of Supervisors and the request of the union be legally adopted, and in time for inclusion in the 1942-43 budget, and not later than May 26, 1942. Moved to adopt; motion unanimously carried. (See resolution in full in another column.)

A communication from Labor's Unity for Victory Committee (Mervyn Rathborne, co-chairman), recommending a special joint session of A.F.L. and C.I.O. Councils, and Railroad Brotherhoods, to meet Friday evening, June 5, in the main auditorium of the Building Trades Temple at 200 Guerrero street, was read to the Council. Motion made to comply; after a lengthy discussion it was moved to table; motion to table, carried.

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Report of the Executive Committee—(Meeting held Monday, May 18, 1942.) Called to order at 8 p. m. by Vice-Chairman Haggerty. The wage scale and negotiations of Boot and Shoe Workers No. 320 was referred to the secretary to co-operate with the local union. The new agreement of the Retail Fruit and Vegetable Clerks' Union was laid over one week—no committee appearing. In the matter of the resolution submitted by J. Vernon Burke, regarding the adoption of the President's 7-point program and asking that all affiliated unions be circularized and requested to do likewise; after hearing Delegate Burke explain the different provisions of the 7 points, your committee recommends the adoption of the resolution with the following amendment of Point 3, wherein it provides that we must stabilize wages, with the addition of the following: "provided that adjustments shall be made where wages have not kept pace with rising prices." In the matter of Retail Department Store Employees No. 1100, requesting strike sanction against several stores in the Mission District, this matter was referred to the officers to arrange conferences between the parties concerned. The request of the Cannery and Process Workers of Hayward that the Val Vita Food Products Inc., of Fullerton, Calif., be placed on the "We Don't Patronize" list, was concurred in providing the State Federation of Labor takes similar action. The controversy between United Garment Cutters No. 45 and the firm of Budd & Votaw was reported settled and your committee recommends that the communication be filed. Your committee considered the advisability of holding no meeting on May 29 inasmuch as Decoration Day falls on the 30th; however, this recommendation of the committee was not concurred in by the Council; there will be a meeting of the Labor Council next Friday evening, May 29, 1942. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p. m. The report of the committee as a whole was adopted.

Reports of Unions—Boilermakers No. 6—Reported on the conference recently held in the city of Chicago with reference to suggested increases in wages, as provided for in the agreement existing between the shipbuilders, the Federal Government and the unions, which proved to be very unsatisfactory; the result of the conference was an offer of 8 per cent increase in wages, which negotiations were based on the increased cost of living, which has risen to 13.8 per cent; the result of the negotiations will be reported to the unions for them to take a vote on acceptance or rejection; it was also reported that the consensus of opinion at the conference was against holding of mass meetings at the shipbuilding plants as they would tend to slow up the production of ships; answering the criticism of slow-up in production, Brother Rainbow, speaking for the entire Metal Trades, invited a thorough investigation and has invited the press and other critics to attend their meetings to find out how they are conducting their organization. Retail Cigar and Liquor Clerks No. 1089—Brother Johns reported regarding the conference of Retail Clerks held May 18, 19, 20 and 21; he thanked the president and secretary of the Council for their participation in the conference, which he reported to have been successful. Street Carmen, Division 518—Brother McRobbie requested that the Council have a representative at the Board of Supervisors on Monday, May 25, in the interest of all the unions, with regard to the budget.

New Business—Motion that the firm of Peter E. McLaughlin be removed from the "We Don't Patronize" list; carried.

Receipts, \$692.00; expenses, \$401.03.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p. m.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. O'CONNELL, Secretary.

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San Francisco Post Office Clerks' Union No. 2

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In 1913 the Post Office Department had 301,000 employees and the income in revenue was approximately \$266,000,000. In 1940 the Postal Department had 268,360 employees (32,000 less than 1930), and the income was \$766,958,000—an increase of half a billion, brought in by 32,000 less employees.

Since 1933 the Post Office Department has shown a steady gain of a surplus over actual postal expenditures of from \$5,000,000 to almost \$45,000,000 in 1941. It is estimated that the surplus for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1942, will be \$89,000,000.

However, the efficiency of the postal workers and their readiness to undertake new tasks to serve the public interest and the national welfare have come to be taken for granted. In addition to our regular duties, we were called upon to handle emergency assignments such as (a) unemployment census of 1937, (b) distribution of bonus bonds, (c) alien registration, begun in 1940, (d) handling of notifications under the Selective Service Act, (e) handling of all civilian and industrial questionnaire forms in connection with the war program, (f) distribution and sale of motor vehicle tax stamps, (g) sale of U. S. War Savings Bonds and Stamps.

The percentage of postal employees in the military service is as large as any comparable group of employees—which spikes the belief of some that we are exempt.

Do you feel that the additional work and this record of achievement warrants an increase in wages? Then won't you write letters today to Senator Hiram Johnson, requesting him to support Senate Bill 2521, introduced by Senator Sheridan Downey of California; and also write to Congressman Richard J. Welch or Thomas Rolph, requesting his support of H.R. 7071. These bills provide for a temporary increase of salary, effective for the duration of the war and six months thereafter.

Special War Stamp Book Covers

Special War Stamp book covers, and specially printed War Bond application forms, are supplied by the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers' International Union to members who subscribe to War Bonds on a voluntary payroll deduction basis, and as a result the sale of bonds has been definitely stimulated, Max Zaritsky, president of the organization, reports.

The stamp book covers, which are affixed to the regulation defense stamp books supplied by the Government, bear the union's name and label. They also provide space for the member to write in his name and address so as to guard against loss.

It is declared that sale of bonds is stimulated because in addition to the patriotic impulse to buy bonds there is a feeling of pride in the initiative of the workers' union.

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DAVIS DEFEATED FOR NOMINATION

U. S. Senator James J. Davis, former Secretary of Labor and widely known in the labor movement through his former activity in the old Mine, Mill and Smelter Union, was defeated for the Republican nomination to the governorship of Pennsylvania last week. It was said to be the first election defeat he had suffered throughout his political career.

RED CROSS INQUIRY SERVICE

More than 16,000 messages addressed to American relatives and friends, through the Red Cross inquiry service, were received from abroad during a recent two weeks—the greatest number of messages ever handled in a like period. Written in many languages, translation of the messages is done by volunteers in Washington.

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Gilligan Making Progress

Stephen P. Gilligan, business agent of Milk Wagon Drivers' Union No. 226, is reported as making steady improvement at St. Luke's hospital, following an operation for appendicitis which he was compelled to undergo on Monday of last week.

RECOGNIZES FREE ITALIAN GROUP

President Green of the American Federation of Labor has recommended that the Free Italian movement receive the same recognition as is extended to the Free French and other similar causes. His position was made known in a message read by Luigi Antonini, president of the Italian-American Labor Council, at a meeting of the council in New York City.

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Remember, you are not asked to give this money, but to lend it. Your money will come back to you with interest—\$4 for every \$3 when Bonds are held to maturity. Remember, planes and tanks are coming off assembly lines now. They have got to be paid for now. This is the time for action on War Savings. For Victory!



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Employment in California Factories at New "High"

Factory employment in California reached a new high in April, George G. Kidwell, director of the Department of Industrial Relations, announced last week. Manufacturing plants in the state employed 554,000 wage earners, an increase of 186,000 over April a year ago.

Of the 554,000 wage earners employed in April, 73 per cent were in durable goods industries and 27 per cent in nondurable goods industries. Together with office, clerical, sales, executive, technical and professional personnel, the total number of employees in manufacturing industries in April is estimated roughly at 682,000, the highest on record.

A number of firms reported the employment of women workers to replace men and to increase the working force. Several concerns explained declines in employment as due to loss of workers to war industries. Many concerns reported laying off workers because of priorities, conservation orders, shortage of materials and similar causes.

The work week for all manufacturing industries averaged 43 hours in April—3 hours above the average of 40 hours for April, 1941. In many war industries average hours per week were substantially higher. Aircraft workers averaged 46.7 hours, shipbuilding 45.5, engines and turbines 51.3, general machinery 46.3 hours. For all durable goods industries combined the average in April was 44.7 hours contrasted with 38.3 hours for nondurable goods industries.

Average weekly earnings in manufacturing industries as a whole amounted to \$41.90 in April, compared with \$32.02 in April, 1941. Average hourly earnings rose to 97½ cents in April, from 80.1 cents in April a year ago.

Manufacturing plants in the San Francisco Bay industrial area employed more than 154,000 wage earners in April, an increase of approximately 70 per cent over April, 1941. The spectacular employment increase in the San Francisco area is due principally to gains in durable goods industries.

Average weekly earnings in the area's manufacturing plants in April amounted to \$44.79, an increase of \$1.09 over the average of \$43.70 in March. A year ago, weekly earnings averaged \$33.56.

Bay Area factory workers were employed an average of 41.6 hours per week in April compared with 38.1 hours in April, 1941. Average hourly earnings rose to \$1.076 in April from 88.1 cents in April a year ago.

Urge Pay Bonus for U.S. Workers

The executive council of the American Federation of Labor urged prompt enactment of the Ramspeck bill (H. R. 7071), which provides for payment of an additional \$300 a year to all civilian employees of the United States Government and the District of Columbia. The council stated that this is a temporary emergency measure which is to remain in effect only for the duration of the war and six months thereafter, and is not a permanent pay increase.

The bill was introduced at the instance of the various unions of government employees affiliated with the A.F.L., the Building and Construction Trades Department, the Metal Trades Department, the Washington (D. C.) Central Labor Union, and the Railroad Brotherhoods.

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FRIEND OF GOMPERS PASSES

Jay George Brown, twice president of the International Shingle Weavers' Union and a member of President Wilson's war labor board, died last week in Seattle. He once was secretary-treasurer of the Farmer-Labor party, with headquarters in Chicago, and was a long-time friend of the late Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

IN AID OF SERVICE MEN

To aid the work of the San Francisco League for Service Men a Junior Auxiliary of young women has been organized. Principal activity of the group will be to assist the chairman of the League's bottle committee. Bottles carrying the slogan "Drop a Penny—We Need Many" are placed in stores, restaurants and other locations throughout the city. Funds thus raised are used to purchase toilet articles and other necessities for service men.

Cooks' Union Elects Officers

At the election held by Cooks' Union No. 44, last Tuesday, the offices of president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and executive board members were among those for which there were no contesting candidates. The roster of officials named for the ensuing term follows:

President, C. T. McDonough; vice-president, Joseph Baeder; secretary-treasurer, John Hagel; recording secretary, Max Benkert; business agents (three), Joseph Belardi, Max Meyer, Ernest Lavino; executive board members, Melo Jovovich, Edward Kraft, "Dolly" Simmons, Samuel Meehan, Ruth Lamoreaux, Oscar Loquay, Bernard Tieben, Walter Hurd, Alexander Protos and Fred Spiess.

Board of Trustees, Harry Wolford and Chris Swenson; delegates to Local Joint Board, John Hagel, C. T. McDonough and Max Benkert; delegates to San Francisco Labor Council, C. T. McDonough, John Hagel, Max Meyer, Joseph Belardi, John A. St. Peter, Max Benkert, Ernest Lavino, "Bud" Fisher, John Moore and Gus Smirnis; delegates to State Federation of Labor, Joseph Baeder, Joseph Belardi, Max Meyer, John A. St. Peter and Bud Fisher; editorial board for *Voice of the Cooks*, Robert Franklin, Helen Ownbey, Charles Pilgrim and Paul Blulet.

Calls for Halt on Arnold Campaign Against Unions

A halt to the campaign of Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold against trade unions under the anti-trust laws was called for in a report approved by the American Federation of Labor executive council, at its recent meeting in Washington.

The report, submitted by Joseph A. Padway, A.F.L. counsel, vigorously assailed the anti-trust prosecutions instituted against unions by Arnold. It listed thirty-eight anti-trust indictments against labor unions and said that every case that has thus far reached the Supreme Court has been decided in favor of the unions.

"It is not the intention of this report," Padway continued, "to inquire into or to discuss the legal principles involved in these cases. Suffice it to say that, despite his highly financed and widely advertised campaign, Mr. Arnold has utterly failed to establish any of his dangerous legal and economic concepts. On the contrary, the Supreme Court has unmistakably and completely repudiated his theories."

"His reckless adventure in labor law," Padway said, "has resulted not only in a large waste of public funds, but also in untold and unwarranted expense to labor organizations, not to mention personal harassment of labor union officials and the dangerous tendency to undermine the trade union movement in the public eye."

Padway recalled that when large corporations protested they could not effectively make their contribution to the war effort unless a truce on anti-trust prosecutions was at least declared for the duration of the war, an agreement for a truce was reached and it received the express approval of President Roosevelt.

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"We Don't Patronize" List

The concerns listed below are on the "We Don't Patronize" list of the San Francisco Labor Council. Members of labor unions and sympathizers are requested to note this list carefully from week to week:

Adam Hat Stores, Inc., 119 Kearny.
American Distributing Company.
Austin Studio, 833 Market.
Avenue Hotel, 419 Golden Gate.
Becker Distributing Company.
Bruener, John, Company.
B & G Sandwich Shops.
California Watch Case Company.
Chan Quong, photo engraver, 680 Clay.
Curtis Publishing Co. (Philadelphia), publishers of *Saturday Evening Post*, *Ladies' Home Journal*, *Country Gentleman*.
Desenfant, A., & Co., manufacturing jewelers, 150 Post.
Dial Radio Shop, 1955 Post.
Doran Hotels (include St. Regis, 85 Fourth St.; Mint, 141 Fifth St.; Hale, 939 Mission St.; Land, 936 Mission St.; Hillsdale, 51 Sixth St.; Grand Central, 1412 Market St., and the Ford Apartments, 957 Mission St.).
Drake Cleaners and Dyers.
Forreder Cornice Works, 269 Potrero.
Gantner & Mattern, 1453 Mission.
Gates Rubber Company, 2700 Sixteenth Street.
General Distillers, Ltd., 136 Front St.
Golden State Bakers, 1840 Polk.
Goldstone Bros., manufacturers of overalls and workmen's clothing.
Howard Automobile Company.
Lucerne Apartments, 766 Sutter.
M. R. C. Roller Bearing Company, 550 Polk.
National Beauty Salon, 207 Powell.
Navaleet Seed Company, 423 Market.
O'Keefe-Merritt Stove Co. Products, Los Angeles.

Pacific Label Company, 1150 Folsom.
Purity Springs Water Company, 2050 Kearny.
Remington-Rand, Inc., 509 Market.
Romaine Photo Studio, 220 Jones.
Royal Typewriter Company, 153 Kearny.
Sealey Mattress Company, 6699 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland.
Sherwin-Williams Paint Company.
Sloane, W. & J.
Smith, L. C., Typewriter Company, 545 Market.
Speed-E Menu Service, 693 Mission.
Standard Oil Company.
Stanford University Hospital, Clay and Webster.
Sutro Baths and Skating Rink.
Swift & Co.
Time and Life (magazines), products of the unfair Donnelley firm (Chicago).
Underwood Typewriter Company, 531 Market.
Wooldridge Tractor Equipment Company, Sunnyvale, California.

All non-union independent taxicabs.

Barber Shops that do not display the shop card of the Journeymen Barbers' Union are unfair.

Beauty Shops that do not display the shop card of the Hairdressers and Cosmetologists' Department of the Journeymen Barbers' International Union of America are unfair.

Cleaning establishments that do not display the shop card of Retail Cleaners' Union No. 93 are unfair.

Locksmith shops which do not display the union shop card of Federated Locksmiths No. 1331 are unfair.